What is community development, elements, constraints and possible steps for enhancing community participation

#### • WHAT IS COMMUNITY?

- Community can be defined as the people living together within a specified boundary and sharing common environment (i.e. common believes, social values, interests and problems).
- Community can be organized around common interests for whom location of common entry point is a pre-requisite.
- Needs and interests of individuals / groups vary in nature and intensity hence communities can be organized according to the level of needs / interests of individuals / groups at a given point of time.

Community development •SOCIAL BARRIERS

**•TECHNICAL BARRIERS** 

•FINANCIAL BARRIERS

**•LEGAL BARRIERS** 

PSYCHOLOGICAL BARRIERS

•IGNORANCE DISHONESTY • DEPENDENCY •EXTRAVAGANCE •SOCIAL & CULTURAL EVILS UNCONCERN

**Community development •DISTRUSTED ATTITUDE OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS** •FEAR OF BIG LANDLORDS •POOR KNOWLEDGE MISCONCEPTION **•LOW AWARENESS LEVEL** •RACE OF COMPETITION

**•LACK OF CONFIDENCE** •HOPELESSNESS •LACK OF SKILLS **•WRONG ASSUMPTIONS** •HUMAN NATURE •PREVIOUS HISTORY OF DEVELOPMENT

**Community development** •THREAT TO LOCAL LEADERSHIP •PESSIMISTIC THINKING POOR COLLABORATION OF **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES** •ROYAL STANDARDS OF NGOs •RELIGIOUS/POLITICAL LEADERSHIP **Community devlopment To FacilitateCommunity we have to do: NEEDS IDENTIFICATION NEEDS PRIORITIZATION RESOURCES IDENTIFICATION COLLECTION OF RESOURCES** RESPONSIBILITIES TIME ALLOCATION **PLACE IDENTIFICATION** 

**Community development To Facilitate EXPECTED PROBLEMS ALTERNATIVES PROCESS PLANNING** IMPLEMENTATION **PROJECT MONITORING PROJECT COMPLETION PROJECT MAINTENANCE DR.TOHEED** 

**Community development Participation could be enhanced by:**  Sense of belonging •Self Reliance Sense of Empowerment Collective Management Equitable Distribution of Benefits Clear Rights and Responsibilities Equal Participation Local resource Mobilization Self Sustainability Develop Local Leadership

- show interest in subject
- sit among them
- show willingness to listen
- show sympathy
- non-judgmental
- accessible
- show emotion
- show commitment and sincerity
- relate to audience

#### **The Process of Change**

- When you change your thinking,
- You change your beliefs.
- When you change your beliefs,
- You change your expectations.
- When you change your expectations,
- You change your attitude.
- When you change your attitude,
- You change your behavior.
- When you change your behavior,
- You change your performance.
- When you change your performance,
- You change your life.

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